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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, AR, US

SUBJ: ARGENTINE VESSELS IN CUBA TRADE

REF: BA 5565

1. INFORMATION DEVELOPED SUBSEQUENT TO REFTEL REVEALS THAT "FLETERO" IS IN DRYDOCK UNDER REPAIR. IT IS THEREFORE NOT NOW RECEIVING CARGO FOR CUBA, THOUGH THERE ARE NO ASSURANCES THAT IT MAY NOT DO SO AT SOME POINT IN FUTURE.

2. "RIO ATUEL" ARRIVED JULY 31 FROM HABANA WITH GENERAL CARGO. IT HAD SAILED FROM BUENOS AIRES ON MAY 17 (LONG BEFORE INITIATION OF OUR CONVERSATIONS WITH FONMIN), AND ACCORDING TO RECORD WAS BOUND FOR RIO. FOR THAT REASON IT DID NOT APPEAR ON LIST OF VESSELS IN PIPELINE WHICH FONMIN OBTAINED FOR US ON JULY 16.

3. ABOVE IS REPORTED FOR RECORD. WITH "POLICY DECISION" NOW RAISED TO HIGHER LEVEL, NEITHER LOWER LEVELS OF MINISTRY NOR ELMA ITSELF COULD POSSIBLY BE EXPECTED TO ARTICULATE ANY CONFIRMATION THAT FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE CARGO IN THE CUBAN TRADE WILL NOT MOVE IN ARGENTINE FLAG VESSELS.

4. FONOFF UNDERSTANDS THAT OUR HANDS ARE TIED BY APPLICABILITY OF FAA SECTION 620(A)(3) AND THAT NEXT MOVE, IF ANY, IF UP TO
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GOA IF IT WISHES TO BENEFIT FROM GRANT AID FUNDS.

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